

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2018 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Tonita Gurulé-Girón

COUNCILORS: David A. Ulibarri, Jr.
Vincent Howell
Barbara A. Casey
David G. Romero

ALSO PRESENT: Ann Marie Gallegos, Interim City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
David Silva, Acting City Attorney
Chris Lopez, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. asked for a moment of silence for everyone to open their eyes to what was going on, to keep their minds straight, to be happy, to be truthful and to keep working hard for the City.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Marshall Poole with the AWC gave a brief overview of the requests regarding the contract with the City of Las Vegas which included:

- Sole source designation
- 4 year term-AWC/City Contract
- Contract tied to Consumer Price Index
- Annual increase (1st year)-\$5,600.00

Mr. Poole thanked the City on behalf of the AWC for the opportunity to run the shelter, he stated that they had added a lot to the operation over 5 years and looked forward to continuing the working relationship with the City.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos advised that Interim Finance Director Tana Vega and General Accountant Darlene Martinez would present on the budget.

1. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 18-30 to approve final budget adjustment request for submission to DFA Local Government Division.

Interim Finance Director Tana Vega advised that the City of Las Vegas was in need of increasing or decreasing the FY 2018 budgeted revenues and/or expenditures, transfers in or out within various funds. Attached BAR request shows the fund breakdown. The City of Las Vegas is required to approve and submit the Final 2017-2018 DFA Budget Adjustment Request no later than July 31, 2018 and advised of increases totalling \$6,661.00.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve of Resolution 18-30 to approve final budget adjustment request for submission to DFA Local Government Division. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Resolution No. 18-30 was presented as follows:

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
MUNICIPALITY OF CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION 18-30

FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

WHEREAS, The Governing Body in and for the Municipality of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico has developed a final budget adjustment request for fiscal year 2017-2018; and

WHEREAS, said budget adjustment request was developed on the basis of need and through cooperation with all user departments, elected officials and other department supervisors, please see attached schedule; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is in need of making final adjustments in the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget;

WHEREAS, it is the majority opinion of this governing body that the final budget adjustment request is approved and meets the requirements as currently determined for fiscal year 2017-2018;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Municipality of the City of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico hereby approves the budget adjustment request herein above described and respectfully requests approval from the Local Governing Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

RESOLVED: In session this 26th day of July 2018.

Tonita Gurule-Giron, Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

Danielle Smith, Interim City Attorney

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

2. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 18-31 to approve the final 2017-2018 DFA Financial Report for submission to DFA Local Government Division.

Interim Finance Director Tana Vega advised that the City of Las Vegas was required to approve and submit the Final 2017-2018 DFA Financial Report no later than July 31, 2018.

Councilor Howell asked if the Lodger's Tax 5% increase was included in the financial report, when the increase began and asked if all the Hoteliers were informed because he understood that they had not been notified.

Interim Finance Director Vega advised that the Lodger's Tax increase was included in the report, that the increase began on July 1st. She stated that she was notified that the establishments had not been notified on July 15th and that the ordinance had been posted on the City's website and that it had been discussed at Lodger's Tax meetings. Ms. Vega explained that they had addressed the situation, by notifying them and providing them the revised Lodger's Tax report.

Councilor Howell asked if there was enough funding in the budget to take care of the major concerns of repairing our roads.

Interim City Manager Gallegos explained that this approval for Resolution 18-31 was for the final year end closing and would address the final budget with the next business item.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve of Resolution 18-31 to approve the final 2017-2018 DFA Financial Report for submission to DFA Local Government Division. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion.

Resolution No. 18-31 was presented as follows:

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
MUNICIPALITY OF CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION #18-31

WHEREAS, The Governing Body in and for the Municipality of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico has developed a budget for fiscal year 2017-2018; and

WHEREAS, the final quarterly report has been reviewed and approved to ensure the accuracy of the beginning balances used on the FY 2018-2019 Budget; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby certified that the contents in this report are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and that this report depicts all funds for fiscal year 2017-2018.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the governing body of the City of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico hereby approves the final quarterly report for FY 2017-2018 hereinafter described as Attachment and respectfully requests approval from the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

Resolved: In the Special Council Meeting this 26th day of July, 2018.

Tonita Gurule-Giron, Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

Danielle Smith, Interim City Attorney

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

3. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 18-32 to adopt the final FY 2018-2019 Budget for submission to DFA Local Government Division.
Councilor Howell apologized for the error in asking the question that referred to the final FY 2018-2019.

Interim Finance Director Tana Vega advised that the City of Las Vegas was required to develop, approve and adopt a 2018-2019 Final Budget for submission to DFA Local Government by July 31, 2018 that included the Resolution process. She advised that the 2019 Budget Hearings were held on May 24, 2018 and added that any updates, additional grants awarded, in or carryovers to the preliminary 2019 final budget would be included to the 2019 final budget.

Interim Finance Director Vega advised that they continue to monitor the revenues and report to Mayor and Council on a monthly basis. Ms. Vega stated that cash

balances were also being monitored daily and were available and a part of the final 2019 budget.

Interim Finance Director Vega gave a detailed overview of the 2019 General Fund Budget regarding revenues, expenditures, transfers and increases within the departments.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. had a question regarding the tire cutter that would be purchased and asked if it would shred or cut.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised that the Environment Department was the source of the grant for the purchase of the tire cutter that would be used to shred tires received from the community, with the cost of \$5.00 per tire to dispose. She advised that the shredded material would possibly go to use at parks or schools and would not be disposed.

Councilor Casey had a concern regarding the money that had not been expended between December and June 30th on a full time Attorney and asked if it would rollover to the 2019 budget.

Interim Finance Director Vega reported that no amounts from the prior year roll over, other than grants and that remains in the cash balance.

Councilor Casey asked if there was an increase regarding the Animal Welfare Coalition and asked if they would be designated as a sole source as stated in the Special Audit that nonprofits should be listed as sole source providers.

Interim Finance Director Tana Vega advised that the increases were included in the budget under General Fund under Professional Services, Building Structures & Land and some were specific. She advised that they were still in the process of negotiations with the AWC and regarding the sole source provider, she stated as long as they had the certification indicating that they were a nonprofit organization. She explained that the special auditor discouraged from using a sole source, if at all possible and if used, it should be put out publicly and can be used if there were no protests.

Councilor Casey had concerns regarding funding for the Fire Department salaries and a new fire truck.

Interim Finance Director Vega stated that they may be reaching out to the Legislature and advised that the Fire Department currently had a loan with the NMFA with 3 years left on principal/interest and thought it could be feasible to obtain a new loan after paying the current loan to purchase a fire truck.

Councilor Casey brought up a constituent's concern regarding dry leaves, twigs and branches and also the lack of a suppression system, she asked if there was money in the budget for those. She also mentioned the increasing gas costs for the Transit system and asked if they had enough funding for the anticipated increases for fuel.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that they were coordinating with the Fire Chief on a Fire Suppression system project for the Solid Waste Department and informed they were working with the New Mexico Environment Department regarding the dry greenwaste, placing firebreaks and disposing of dry waste.

Interim Finance Director Vega reported there was money for the Solid Waste costs, with the DFA quarterly report showing the ending cash balance of \$2,489,869.00 and the proposed revenues, transfers and expenditures ending balance of \$2,835,000.00 for the Solid Waste Department.

Discussion took place regarding Municipal Court Funds, Court Automation fees, and Correction funds/fees.

Councilor Casey and Councilor Howell commended the Finance Department for the work on the budget recap.

Councilor Howell had concerns regarding road repair/street improvements and pothole repairs and asked for a projection of what was budgeted to address those issues.

Interim City Manager Gallegos informed that would fall under the Street Improvement fund brought in by the gas tax, with the revenue projected at \$919,000.00 in which street personnel was also funded from. She advised there were several projects in progress, which included: Keen Street drainage project, Building and Street Improvements with a \$400,000.00 budget.

Public Works Street Superintendent Chris Rodarte reported they were currently looking at the areas of Legion Street, Mountain View and Dee Bibb and planning to look at all the roads in the City, starting with the worst conditions first. He

addressed the issue of potholes and advised that potholes were repaired on Tuesdays and Thursdays (weather permitting).

Discussion continued regarding the repair and costs that come with street repair.

Councilor Howell requested a document form of the plan to have for constituents to show the commitment of the City in repairing the streets.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised the ICIP plan would include the street repair projects and would be brought to Council for ranking and approval in August and added that the Dee Bibb drainage project was one other major project to be addressed.

Discussion took place regarding the restart of the Recycling Center with hopes of letting the revenues meet the needs and expenditures of recycling.

Councilor Howell mentioned the concerns of the serious opioid issues in the community and asked if there was funding to support it.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised the City was in the early stages of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with five other agencies, that would hopefully be signed within the next week or so and stated that although there were concerns about the location, she thought the Legion Park School would be a perfect location for the recovery center. She stated that she spoke with Mr. Cooper regarding asbestos and that there was no asbestos in the building and was hoping to get funding within a year's time to move forward.

Discussion took place regarding the funding for the Opioid project and the location.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that the City was prepared and advised they did not have the complete budget although the Police Department was applying for grant funding.

Councilor Howell stated that there were about 10 community members with concerns of the location of the recovery center.

Interim Chief of Police Chris Lopez stated that the community needed to get over the stigma related to the opioid crisis and that it was important as community leaders to educate the community. He stated that if they followed through with

the project, he hoped for the support of the Governing Body to be present with the Police Department at community meetings. Mr. Lopez advised that this addiction crisis affected many kinds of people and was important not to shy away from the problem and be open about it in order to help many in the community.

Discussion took place regarding the topic of increasing revenues for the City of Las Vegas.

Councilor Casey spoke in regards to the concerns of several constituents, relating to the location of the recovery center and stated that the San Miguel Family & Community Health Council researched, having found that in other communities similar in size of Las Vegas and larger, where those inpatient/outpatient facilities exist, the opposite effect was taking place. She stated that people became more easily integrated into society, functioned at a higher level and became productive. Councilor Casey stated that we should keep in mind, that opioid addiction affects many people on prescribed medication and that the City needed to work together to get the word out about what really was involved in this situation.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked and commended Councilor Casey for her statement and added that she would be bringing back a plan along with the MOU to the Council. She stated that she fully agreed on the location for the recovery center. Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that this project would help our youth and the community and not only provide the recovery service but also bring about 80 jobs and we should support the recovery center. She advised that any comments made by Council regarding the recovery center should be used with caution.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. thanked everyone involved in the drainage project of National Ave. and Keen Street and was hopeful for funding to repair all streets in the City and to move the City forward.

Interim City Manager Gallegos spoke of the importance of completing projects and starting the planning process for many other projects.

Councilor Howell clarified that his statement regarding the recovery center was not meant to be negative although wanted to bring forth the concerns of constituents.

Councilor Romero had questions regarding the 4% increase on health insurance, the deadline for negotiations with F.O.P, IAFF and AFSCME and asked if the

departments that would be working at the motorcycle rally, were budgeted for the rally. He added there had been negative comments concerning the departments working at the rally.

Interim Finance Director Vega explained that the 4% increase on health insurance would be covered by both the City and the employee.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised there was no requirement for a full time City Manager to be a part of negotiations, that they were working with the Fire Department and needed to work on AFSCME negotiations as well. She stated there were no deadlines for negotiations although that they would become effective on the day signed. She added that they had met with members of the rally regarding the permit issues and advised the Police, Solid Waste and Public Facilities departments had been budgeted for the rally.

Councilor Romero asked Interim City Manager Gallegos for those members that had been in discussion regarding the motorcycle rally.

Police Chief Chris Lopez spoke in regards to issues of timing with the rally, pushing deadlines and the huge task of adequate security staffing. He stated that the Police Department took this event very seriously due to it not being a family event and they estimated overtime costs to be around \$13,000.00 and a projected cost for security within all the agencies combined to be between \$70,000.0 and \$100,000.00. He hoped they could work closer to the members of the rally in the future in order to be prepared.

Discussion took place regarding the difference between the events of the 4th of July Fiestas and the Rough Rider Motorcycle Rally.

Interim Community Development Director Virginia Marrujo spoke in detail regarding the comparisons between the rally and the fiestas. She mentioned they were working with the rally members, attending meetings and trying to get the rally members to submit permits and applications on a timely manner in order to prepare the City departments to provide their services and security as well.

Discussion continued regarding how the City assessed a cost for this year's bike rally, the importance of working together, supporting the motorcycle rally and also the importance of the rally members meeting the City's requirements.

Lieutenant Pam Sandoval advised that an additional thirty six people from several agencies from surrounding areas were on board for security, that were part of Mutual Aid Agreements with the Las Vegas Police Department.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Resolution 18-32 to adopt the final FY 2018-2019 Budget for submission to DFA Local Government Division. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Resolution 18-32 was presented as follows:

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
MUNICIPALITY OF CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 18-32
2018-2019 FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body in and for the Municipality of the City of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico has developed a Final Budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 , and

WHEREAS, said budget was developed on the basis of need and through cooperation with all department users, department supervisors, City Administration and elected officials, and

WHEREAS, the official meeting for the review of said documents was posted publicly on July 23, 2018 in compliance with the State Open Meetings Act, and

WHEREAS, it is the majority opinion of this governing body that the Final Budget meets the requirements as currently determined for fiscal year 2018-2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Municipality of the City of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico hereby adopts the budget hereinabove described and respectfully requests approval from the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

RESOLVED: In session this 26th day of July , 2018.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY
LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO

TONITA GURULE-GIRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CASANDRA FRESQUEZ, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

DANIELLE SMITH, INTERIM, CITY ATTORNEY

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked Interim Finance Director Tana Vega, Ann Marie Gallegos and the finance department staff for their work on the budget and thanked the Council for their approval of the budget.

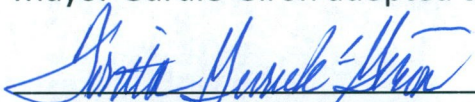
EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for Executive Session.

ADJOURN


Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón adopted the motion to adjourn.



Mayor Tonita-Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk